

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

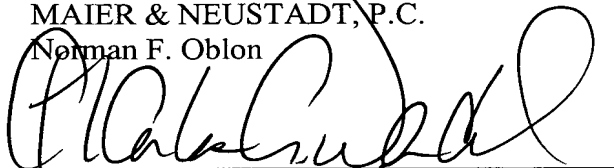
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies; minor stylistic changes have been made also.

An early examination of Claims 1-8 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Charles A. Wendel, is written over the printed name and extends across the signature line.

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